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For: HEPATOCYTE LINEAGE CELLS DERIVED  
FROM PLURIPOTENT STEM CELLS

## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the first Office Action on the merits, dated December 5, 2001 (Paper No. 4), for which a response is due March 5, 2002. Accordingly, this paper is timely filed.

Applicant has given careful consideration to the analysis made by the Examiner in the Office Action. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.

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